

1 AN ACT concerning education.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The School Code is amended by renumbering and  
5 changing Section 2-3.134, added by Public Act 93-814, as  
6 follows:

7 (105 ILCS 5/2-3.136)

8 Sec. 2-3.136 ~~2-3.134~~. K-3 class size reduction grant  
9 program. A class size reduction grant program is created. The  
10 program shall be implemented and administered by the State  
11 Board of Education. From appropriations made for purposes of  
12 this Section, the State Board shall award grants to schools  
13 that meet the criteria established by this Section for the  
14 award of those grants.

15 Grants shall be awarded pursuant to application. The form  
16 and manner of applications and the criteria for the award of  
17 grants shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education. The  
18 grant criteria as so prescribed, however, shall provide that  
19 only those schools that are on the State Board of Education  
20 Early Academic Warning List or the academic watch list under  
21 Section 2-3.25d that maintain grades kindergarten through 3 are  
22 grant eligible.

23 Grants awarded to eligible schools under this Section shall  
24 be used and applied by the schools to defray the costs and  
25 expenses of operating and maintaining classes in grades  
26 kindergarten through 3 with an average class size within a  
27 specific grade of no more than 20 pupils. If a school's  
28 facilities are inadequate to allow for this specified class  
29 size, then a school may use the grant funds for teacher aides  
30 instead.

31 If a school board determines that a school is using funds  
32 awarded under this Section for purposes not authorized by this

1 Section, then the school board, rather than the school, shall  
2 determine how the funds are used.

3 The State Board of Education shall adopt any rules,  
4 consistent with the requirements of this Section, that are  
5 necessary to implement and administer the K-3 class size  
6 reduction grant program.

7 (Source: P.A. 93-814, eff. 7-27-04; revised 11-10-04.)